REMARKS

Claims 1, 12 and 18 are amended. Claims 1-25 remain in the application for consideration. In view of the following remarks amendments and/or remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject application.

Examiner Communication

Applicant thanks the Examiner for considering the claim amendments that Applicant previously submitted to the Examiner on September 13, 2005. In the spirit of the claim amendments that Applicant previously submitted for consideration, Applicant has amended the above claims.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned if there are any questions regarding the nature of the claim amendments. In addition, before issuing a further office action, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned to advance prosecution in this matter.

The Claim Rejections

Claims 1-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,744,472 to MacInnis in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,725,279 to Richter.

The Claims

Claim 1 has been amended and, as amended, recites a method comprising [added language appears in bold italics]:

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- receiving a command from a decoder application at an application program interface (API), *wherein the API is configured to facilitate the use of a plurality of different multimedia accelerators with the decoder application*; and
- generating one or more filter control command data structures, recognizable by a communicatively coupled accelerator including one or more parameters which, when received by the accelerator, affects one or more filter settings of the accelerator based, at least in part, on the content of the received command.

In making out the rejection of this claim, the Office argues that its subject matter is rendered obvious in view of MacInnis and Richter. Specifically, the Office argues that MacInnis discloses all of the features of the claim except for an application interface. The Office then relies on Richter and argues that it discloses an application interface. As such, the Office argues that the combination of these two references would be motivated by a desire to obtain an apparatus that is more versatile by being able to perform complex operations.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Office and submits that the Office has not established a *prima facie* case of obviousness for reasons not the least of which is that the motivation to combine the references is too general and could serve as the basis for making any modification of MacInnis. Applicant reserves its right to further argue against the *prima facie* case in a continuation application.

Nonetheless, and in a sincere effort to advance prosecution in this matter, Applicant has amended the claim as indicated above, support for which can be found, among other places, in the application's "Summary" section. Applicant respectfully submits that neither reference discloses or suggests the subject matter of this claim as amended. As such, this claim is allowable.

Claims 2-11 depend from claim 1 and are allowable as depending from an allowable base claim. These claims are also allowable for their own recited features which, in combination with those recited in claim 1, are neither disclosed nor taught by the references of record, either singly or in combination with one another

Claim 12 has been amended and, as amended, recites a storage medium comprising a plurality of executable instructions which, when executed, implement an application program interface (API) to dynamically generate one or more filter control command data structures in response to a command received from a decoder application, wherein the one or more filter control command data structure(s) include one or more parameters which, when received by a communicatively coupled accelerator, effect one or more filter settings on the accelerator in accordance with the received command, *wherein the API is not specific to any particular multimedia application and/or multimedia accelerator.*

In making out the rejection of this claim, the Office argues that its subject matter is rendered obvious in view of MacInnis and Richter. Specifically, the Office argues that MacInnis discloses all of the features of the claim except for an application interface. The Office then relies on Richter and argues that it discloses an application interface. As such, the Office argues that the combination of these two references would be motivated by a desire to obtain an apparatus that is more versatile by being able to perform complex operations.

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serve as the basis for making any modification of MacInnis. Applicant reserves its

right to further argue against the *prima facie* case in a continuation application.

Nonetheless, and in a sincere effort to advance prosecution in this matter,

Applicant has amended the claim as indicated above, support for which can be

found, among other places, in the specification on page 15, lines 3-24. Applicant

respectfully submits that neither reference discloses or suggests the subject matter

of this claim as amended. As such, this claim is allowable.

Claims 13-17 depend from claim 12 and are allowable as depending from

an allowable base claim. These claims are also allowable for their own recited

features which, in combination with those recited in claim 12, are neither disclosed

nor taught by the references of record, either singly or in combination with one

another

Claim 18 has been amended and, as amended, recites a computing system

comprising [added language appears in bold italics]:

- a decoder application to process received media content; and
- an operating system including an application program interface (API), support the media processing, wherein the API generates one or more filter control commands including one or more parameters which, when received by a communicatively coupled media processing accelerator, effect one or more filter settings of the accelerator in accordance with a command received from the decoder, *wherein the decoder application is configured to iteratively issue configuration commands reflecting various alternative degrees and methods of decoding acceleration capability until choosing one that is acceptable to both the decoder application and the accelerator.*

In making out the rejection of this claim, the Office argues that its subject

matter is rendered obvious in view of MacInnis and Richter. Specifically, the

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4 two references would be motivated by a desire to obtain an apparatus that is more

5 versatile by being able to perform complex operations.

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11 Nonetheless, and in a sincere effort to advance prosecution in this matter,

12 Applicant has amended the claim as indicated above, support for which can be

13 found, among other places, in the specification from page 55, line 1 through page

14 56, line 13. Applicant respectfully submits that neither reference discloses or

15 suggests the subject matter of this claim as amended. As such, this claim is

16 allowable.

17 **Claims 19-25** depend from claim 18 and are allowable as depending from

18 an allowable base claim. These claims are also allowable for their own recited

19 features which, in combination with those recited in claim 18, are neither disclosed

20 nor taught by the references of record, either singly or in combination with one

21 another

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23 **Conclusion**

24 All of the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant

25 requests a Notice of Allowability be issued forthwith. If the Office's next

1   anticipated action is to be anything other than issuance of a Notice of Allowability,

2   Applicant respectfully requests a telephone call for the purpose of discussing an

3   appeal.

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5   Respectfully Submitted,

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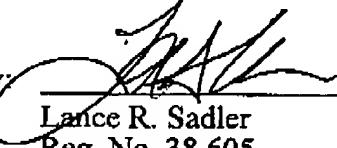
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